

PROPOSE RAISE LURLINE IS HERE FOR CUSTOMS MEN WITH NAVAL STORES

Sixty employees identified with the federal customs service in the district of Hawaii were, upon receipt of advice last night from the mainland, given reason to believe that through the favorable sentiment expressed at a recent conference of customs collectors held at New York City, that they would be accorded a substantial increase in their daily or monthly stipends.

Deputy Collector of Customs R. C. Stackable, who attended the sessions, is still on the mainland and has not been heard from in regard to the matter of raising the status of the force of inspectors at ports in the Hawaiian Islands. With the arrival of the Matson Navigation steamer Lurline from the coast last evening it was stated that among the business transacted was the adoption of a resolution to recommend to the treasury department that a new scale of wages for customs inspectors, ranging from \$5 to \$8 per day, be put in force. This schedule provides for the following wages at different ports: Los Angeles, \$3; New Orleans, \$2 to \$4; San Francisco, \$3 to \$5. When an inspector starts at the minimum of \$3 per day, his wages are to be increased at the rate of 4 per cent per annum until they reach the maximum, which will require 17 years.

Local customs men were also informed that a resolution recommending compensation to customs employees who become disabled through no fault of their own was considered at the gathering of chiefs.

The conference called for 1915 will be held at San Francisco. The recommendations drawn up and discussed at the gathering were submitted to President Woodrow Wilson.

MISSIONARIES ARE GREATLY FAVORED

With the departure of the Pacific Mail liner Persia from Hongkong there went into effect a marked reduction of passenger fares between the Far East and San Francisco, according to a report brought here with the arrival of this liner yesterday. Bona fide missionaries, identified with one of the several organizations or boards engaged in work in the Orient, are the sole beneficiaries to the benevolence bestowed by steamship companies.

The Toyo Kisen Kaisha is reported to have announced a 25 per cent reduction from the regular intermediate fare. The new rate made to missionaries from China ports to San Francisco indicates a reduction from \$175 to \$132, declared as a material saving.

To the rank and file of trans-Pacific travelers, globe-trotters, business men and sea buyers, the higher rate of passage will continue in force.

The Persia sailed from Honolulu at 4:30 last evening, following the loading of 500 tons of coal. A large mail was forwarded to the mainland in this vessel. The Persia afforded the last opportunity of sending mail to the mainland before Christmas day.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED

Per ste. Likelike from Kauai, Dec. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Buchholz, Mrs. E. Kaine, Geo. Dymon, Mr. and Mrs. N. Fernandez, N. Kahlan, T. C. Jim, Rev. W. B. Olson, G. F. Rankin, W. B. Woodward, H. Glass.

VESSELS TO AND FROM THE ISLANDS

[Special Cable to Merchants' Exchange]

Wednesday, Dec. 17.
SAN FRANCISCO — Sailed, Dec. 17, noon, S.S. Wilhelmina for Honolulu.

Arrived, Dec. 16, 4 p.m., S.S. Honolulu, hence Dec. 9.

MIDWAY ISLAND — Arrived, Dec. 15, schr. Flaurance Ward, hence Dec. 14.

CHRISTMAS MAILS TO ARRIVE AT HONOLULU

Per T.K.K. Nippon Maru, arriving Dec. 17. Leaving London, Dec. 1; New York, Dec. 7; San Francisco, Dec. 11.
Per T.K.K. Toyo Maru, arriving Dec. 22. Leaving London, Dec. 6; New York, Dec. 12; San Francisco, Dec. 16.
Per Matson Navigation steamer Wilhelmina, arriving Dec. 23. Leaving London, Dec. 7; New York, Dec. 13; San Francisco, Dec. 17.
Per P. M. steamer Mongolia, arriving Dec. 24. Leaving London, Dec. 8; New York, Dec. 14; San Francisco, Dec. 18.

JEFF M'CARN SAYS HE WILL SIT TIGHT WHILE LEARNING THE ROPES

U. S. District Attorney Tells a Good Joke—and It Is One on Himself

"I'll start nothing until I know where I'm at," was the witty statement of United States District Attorney Jeff M'Carn today, in response to a general question concerning his policies and probable future action as federal prosecutor in Hawaii.

"My first work is to familiarize myself with conditions in the islands and to make a close study of affairs before I venture any important action. I do not propose taking any step until I have some knowledge of the ground I'm treading, for I don't want to be compelled to withdraw from any position I may take."

He added that his first action probably will be to undertake the cases on which his predecessor has been laboring but has not finished and that he will endeavor to clean these up before beginning new business. This does not mean, however, he said, that his investigations will not delve at once into new matters.

And although Mr. Breckons has gone fully into a number of affairs and is giving me all the information at his disposal concerning them," said M'Carn. "I will have to go through practically the same investigations again to acquire a practical working knowledge before taking them into court."

That Jeff M'Carn possesses the same large appetite for concentrated effort and hard toil which Breckons displayed throughout his long tenure of office is indicated by the new official's remark today that he expects to burn a considerable amount of midnight oil in the next few weeks, taking his documents and books home, where he can give them several hours' uninterrupted study each evening.

That the district attorney's office is losing no whit of its full sense of humor by Breckons' departure is shown by the following story M'Carn is telling on himself today as an incident of the Men's League banquet and reception tendered him yesterday evening at the Central Union church:

"They had me standing in the social hall," says M'Carn, "shaking hands with a crowd of men that stretched away in a long line to the other side of the room. After I had met about 150 of them I thought we were near the end of the ceremony. At that moment I was introduced to a tall, gray-haired, fine looking gentleman whose name I caught as 'Dr. Emerson.' At that instant a fleeting suspicion flashed through the back of my mind, and I determined to remember the name and the distinctive looking stranger. The line didn't seem to end, however, and I kept on shaking hands until about 150 more men had passed. Then I saw a familiar, tall, gray-haired figure looming up in the line just ahead. He approached and I heard the name 'Dr. Emerson' pronounced. My suspicion came forward from the back of my mind and I began trying then to recognize some other faces. But they all seemed strange. So I kept on shaking hands, and after about 150 or 200 more men had passed, I looked up to see what I believed was the same tall, dignified figure that already had met me twice. I heard the same name, too, 'Dr. Emerson.' Well, I shook hands with him, but I broke away immediately after, and hurried to the banquet room with a feeling somewhat akin to that of a 'snicker.' I was convinced there were not that many prominent men in Honolulu and that they had been parading the same bunch past me in a sort of endless chain."

"You can imagine my relief when I glanced across the table a few minutes later and saw the three gray-haired gentlemen sitting side by side nearby. I made inquiries and learned that all three are known as 'Dr. Emerson.' Not till then was I certain the Men's League had not been having a little fun with me."

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MORE INFANTRY COMING TO OAHU IN NEAR FUTURE

That the 20th infantry, one battalion of which garrisoned Fort Shafter up to two years and a half ago, was to have been sent here within the next few months as the first of the three additional regiments of foot that are to be eventually stationed here, became known with recent orders which diverted the 20th to El Paso, Texas. That the regiment will again be ordered here if there is a lull in the Mexican situation, is the belief of army officers on Oahu who have inside information on the subject.

The 20th had been mentioned in local service circles as the probable relief of the 2nd, the three-year tour of which organization will be up in a few months. It now develops that although the organizations now here have not to date been made colonial regiments, the tour has been placed at four years, so that the coming of the 20th would mean another move forward bringing Oahu's garrison up to the mark set by the general staff, and would give the island four out of the six infantry organizations deemed necessary to properly defend Hawaii.

The war department plans to have the full six infantry regiments here by 1915, according to reliable information, and at war strength, together with the cavalry, field artillery, coast artillery and auxiliary troops now here, this will bring the garrison up beyond the 15,000 mark.

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Morning on CHANGE

A few small fluctuations were made in stocks this morning at a fairly active market. Hawaiian Commercial dropped a half point from yesterday's selling price, going today at 21.75. Pioneer gained a quarter point, going at 17. Ewa remained at 15; Oahu lost a quarter point and Pines gained a quarter point. Hawaiian Commercial was dealt in heaviest, 225 shares selling between boards and Ewa was next, 95 shares going between boards and in the session.

JAPANESE INFANT IS INJURED WHEN STRUCK BY AN AUTOMOBILE

Sasuma, the three-year-old son of a Japanese carpenter residing near the corner of Alapai and King streets, was run down by an automobile at 9:30 o'clock this morning, receiving many injuries which were at first believed would prove fatal.

A machine numbered 1247, driven by J. H. Erbes, is said by Special Officers Chilton and Perry to have been the cause of the accident which sent the child to the hospital for treatment.

According to the stories related to the police by J. K. Rice and Ed. Kahalo, who claim to have been witnesses of the affair, the Japanese was trying to cross the street, but apparently failed to heed the approach of the automobile.

Erbes is said by the police to face a charge of heedless driving, which has been carried to the circuit court for a final hearing.

The injuries suffered by the infant were confined mainly to the face and scalp.

Likelike Returned From Kauai. The inter-island steamer Likelike will remain on the Kauai route for some weeks, the W. G. Hall being on the marine railway with little prospect of going into commission before the first of the year. The Likelike returned from a pleasant voyage this morning, a few cabin passengers and a large general freight arriving in the vessel.

The cargo included 2535 sacks of sugar, several crates of hogs, chickens and 61 packages of sundries. The officers report smooth seas and favorable winds.

Nippon Nearing Port for Coal. About all the business that the Japanese liner Nippon Maru will have at this port will be the taking on of less than 200 tons of bunker coal. The vessel is steaming from San Francisco with a small amount of mail. While no particulars through wireless have been received concerning the number of passengers, the list of those traveling in the cabin is believed to be a small one. The Nippon Maru is listed to sail for Japan, China and the Philippines at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

There is talk of staging the grand prix and Vanderbilt cup automobile races in southern California this year.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

The following tenders for the construction of the Ala homestead road were opened at the public works office yesterday: Picanco & Company, \$1130 for section 1, \$2671.40 for section 2, or \$3791.40 for both; Loring Engineering Company, \$1369, \$2235 and \$3485; J. V. Fernandez & Castro, \$1550, \$1600 and \$2920; William Cullen, \$1025, \$1675 and \$2600.

The inter-island steamer Likelike returning from Kauai this morning brought report of 2550 sacks of K. S. M. and 27,735 sacks of sugar awaiting shipment on the Garden Island.

DANIELS WRITES LETTER TO OLD TEACHER HERE

[By Latest Mail]
ST. LOUIS.—Dr. Joseph Henry Foy, 75 years old, of 3062A Delmar boulevard, who taught Latin and German to Josephus Daniels, secretary of the United States navy, in a little North Carolina academy in the 70s, has received a letter from the secretary expressing regret that he did not meet his old preceptor when he visited the Press Club of St. Louis, Nov. 20.

The letter is written on stationery of the secretary of the navy and says: "The only regret I brought back about my visit to St. Louis is that I did not see you. Early in the day, I was informed by a newspaper friend that you would be present at the Press Club reception in the afternoon and I would have the privilege of meeting you there. Otherwise I would have gone to see you."

Dr. Foy came to St. Louis in 1878, and for 30 years was principal of the Shields and Patrick Henry Schools. He also has been pastor of the Central and Fourth Street Christian churches. He was unable to attend the Press Club reception of Secretary Daniels.

MAKING WAR ON PNEUMONIA.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Methods for preventing pneumonia, which caused 11 deaths in the District of Columbia last week, are discussed in a report just issued by the health department.

"It is difficult to establish an entirely satisfactory explanation for the increased prevalence of pneumonia, but, in many instances, the lowering of the resisting powers of the individual through improper methods of living is a strong predisposing cause," states the report.

Cold weather by itself does not necessarily cause pneumonia, but cold weather and pneumonia are often associated. Cold weather, however, is in a measure responsible for keeping rooms ill ventilated, by closing windows and thus preventing the free circulation of pure fresh air. With improper ventilation the indoor air becomes more or less impure, and is deficient in certain essential elements of healthfulness. The vital forces are weakened and the powers of the body to resist disease lowered, and a condition in the system created for the easy invasion and development of the pneumonia germ."

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